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1. The "responsables" of the "action" groups meet at least once a week. Notices of meeting are dispatched individually, not more than 48 hours in advance.
2. An "action" meeting was held 11 January 1948 from 8:30 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. at Communist Party headquarters in Nantes. Present at the meeting were BATARD; BACRAIN; GRAVOILLES, CAUDREC, MARUEDO\*, and five unidentified persons domiciled in Nantes and presented as future "chiefs of groups".
3. After some words of introduction BATARD called upon MARUEDO to divulge the latest instructions received. They were as follows:
  - a. General organization - Action is to be carried out in three stages by separate organizations:
    - (1) Creation of propitious circumstances by the preliminary use of strong-arm squads charged with the liquidation of "adverse persons".
    - (2) Neutralization of the Compagnie Republicaine de Securite and the police.
    - (3) Occupation of vital points.
  - b. With regard to the strong-arm squads, the group under GIRARDEAU, with the exception of MARUEDO, will all leave together furnished with false papers to operate in another sector (so far unspecified).
  - c. Points (2) and (3) sub-paragraph above, will be handled by groups of eight constituted as follows: A group of five Frenchmen, approved by the FCP, one of whom is the "responsible", will place themselves at the disposition of a group of three foreigners, one of whom is the "responsible". The "responsible" of the group of three is the "responsible" for the entire group of eight as constituted above.

\*See SO-11610 for additional information on these groups. This document is hereby regraded to CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the letter of 16 October 1978 from the Director, Central Intelligence to the Archivist of the United States.

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4. This subordination of the French to foreigners is confirmed by additional information from La Chabossiere (a locality between Basse-Indre and Coueron). In this locality there are four FCP cells and one cell for internationals. At least one foreigner attends each meeting of an FCP cell but no member of the FCP is permitted to attend meetings of the cell for internationals.
5. The overall chief of the action is a certain Vladimir ZILFCHENKO who has no apparent political activities. The assistants, of whom HARVEDO is the only one known for the carrying out of strong-arm operations, are charged with the preparation and direction of individual operations to be carried out by the groups of eight.
6. At the end of the meeting BATARD requested CRAVOILLES, in conformity with instructions received from Paris, to instruct Communist Party members to hold no further cell meetings at movement headquarters but to hold them discreetly in the homes of the cell-secretaries. BATARD told those present that it had been recommended that women members of the FCP go to Mass on Sundays.

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